IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Peter G. AMOS *et al*. Art Unit: 3673

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 9 February 2006, which set a three-month shortened statutory period of response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A Petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the fee specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), is filed concurrently herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly rewrite Claims 1-33 as follows: